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Social Studies Department Sponsors Student Opinion Poll

	Yes	No	No Opinion
1. Should we end nuclear testing if Russia will do so too?	1428	640	114
2. Should we raise our tariffs to protect American producers against foreign competition?	1007	808	143
3. Should policemen be permitted to "moonlight" (have second jobs)?	1624	572	115
4. Should we share our scientific space discoveries with the U.S.S.R.?	574	1549	153
5. Do you favor free hospital and medical care for those over 65 to be financed by an increase in the Social Security Tax?	1640	338	194

The above are the results of the Student Opinion Poll of March 1961, sponsored by the Social Studies Department of Samuel J. Tilden High. This poll, suggested by Mr. Abraham Margolies as an interesting experiment, is the first in a series of groups of questions on current issues of the day to be given to Tilden students.

Each Social Studies student was given the opportunity to voice his opinions on these questions by voting "yes," "no," or "no opinion." No prior class discussion preceded the voting. It is hoped by the department that the results may give teachers a lead as to the attitudes held by Tilden students, and the extent to which these attitudes might be changed by a closer study of the issues involved.

Mr. Venit said that he didn't feel that anyone would be really surprised by the outcome of the vote on any one of the issues. However, he pointed out, this would not necessarily involve agreement with, or approval of, the thinking that is reflected by the results. He feels that although this is intended to be a sampling of the opinions of Tilden's students, it may well reflect the opinions of New York City's teenagers, although, at this point, he couldn't prove it.

Arista Installs 130 New Students

Arista installation for sixth and eighth term students was held on Wednesday, March 29 in the assembly. These students represent the top 4 per cent of the school.

Presentation of 130 new members of Arista, garbed in black robes, was made by Mrs. Mary Bernstein, newly appointed faculty adviser of Arista. Each incoming member was congratulated by Mr. Margolies. The next step on the agenda was the performance of the ceremony signifying the meaning of Arista; three candles were lit, one for scholarship, by Alan Kay, one for character, by David Goldfield, and one for service, by Beverly Schreiber. The induction was made by Mr. Margolies and was followed by the Aristonian pledge. A gold watch was presented to Mr. Gold, former Arista advisor, by Lewis Coopersmith.

The highlight of the program was an address by Dr. Schwartz, Chairman of the Department of Languages. He discussed the qualifications for Arista membership.

Arista-Longfellow Game

The traditional Arista-Longfellow basketball game and dance will be held May 5th, at 8:00 in the boys gymnasium.

The members of the Arista basketball team are: Joel Bert, Lewis Coopersmith, Arnold Fleischer, Sheldon Hillman, Fred Israelite, Richard Josephson, Jay Kranis, Michael Olan, Ronnie Rosengart, Harvey Rubin, Robert Safirstein, and Roger Wolfman.

The Longfellow's basketball team consists of: Mike Braun, Morty Cogan, Co-Captain Bob Goldstein, Captain Harvey Goldstein, Jack Leichter, Howie Levitt, Lenny Penziner, Jack Reighter, Neil Stackel, and Ira Taubman.

Tilden Soph Wins T.V. Essay Contest

WABC-T.V. has awarded Daniel Cohen, P4, first prize in its *Expedition: New York* series contest.

The contest is based on the *Expedition: New York* program which appears every third Tuesday from 7:00-7:30 P.M. Each program is concerned with some phase of New York life. Interested students were asked to write a 500-word essay dealing with the subject discussed. Daniel's name and school were announced on the series' March 21 program. He later appeared on the March 25 *High School Game of the Week* telecast to receive his prize — a \$200 United States Savings Bond and Certificate of Achievement.

An honor English student, Danny has other top prizes in various essay contests, including two Jr. H.S. Press Convention Press Awards, Chamber of Commerce Essay Contest, and *Scholastic Magazine's* Writing Awards.

'The Man' Will Come to Dinner On Nights of May 26 and 27

The Man Who Came to Dinner, Tilden's spring play, to be presented May 26 and 27 in our auditorium, is in the final stages of production. The original costumes are being sewn while the set and props are being assembled.

This year's budget is more than twice that of last year's production of *Time Out For Ginger*. The play, a Moss Hart and George Kaufman comedy, is about celebrity Sheridan Whiteside, who, when going to dine at the home of a prominent small town couple, slips on their doorsteps, fractures his hip, and is confined to the home, which he proceeds to take over completely. Ensuing complications arise from conflicts between hosts, guests, and "gifts."

Mr. Joel Dick, the director, has pointed out that a ticket to the play costs \$1.25, which is no more than the price of admission to weekend movie, and that the play is much funnier, having had a long run as a successful motion picture and Broadway production.

The complete cast is: Sheridan Whiteside, Lewis Coopersmith; Maggie Cutler, Diana Turk; Bert Jefferson (newspaperman), Alan Udoff; Lorraine Sheldon, Susan Reif; Beverly Carlton and Banjo (friends), Harvey Hacker



Scenes from a rehearsal of "The Man Who Come to Dinner."

and Freddy Fassman; Dr. Bradley, Stanley Gibell; Nurse Preen, Pearl Horn; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, Robert Safirstein and Adele Szper; Richard, Jeffrey Goldberg; June, Janie Baum; Harriet, Susan Rothberg; Prof. Metz, Harvey Levinson; Wescott, Henry Garvin; Sandy, Steve Small; Radiomen, Jeffery Bernstein and Arthur Montuoro; Expressmen, Clyde Kurlander and Stuart Shames; Plainclothesmen, Eddie Morgano and Michael Siletsky.

Assisting Mr. Dick will be Miss Anita Goldmuntz and Stage Manager Elaine Strugatch, who is aided by Barbara Smolansky. Co-chairmen of publicity are Paul Baumrind and Susan Rothberg; of props, Jeffery Bernstein; of makeup, Beverly Feinstein; and of costumes, Paul Baumrind.

FLASH!

Thurgood Marshall, special counsel to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who became known to the nation through his struggle for civil rights, will receive the Dr. Abraham Lefkowitz Memorial Award on May 17, in front of a senior assembly.

Mr. Marshall, who was instrumental in winning the Supreme Court decision of 1954, which was a decisive step in desegregation, has won more important legal battles for this cause than any other man in the United States. The selection of Mr. Marshall was announced last week by Mr. Israel Muraskin of the History Department.

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G.O. Names Candidates; Rifle Club Announced



Back row: l. to r. Richard Hyman, Ralph Funt, David Herzlinger, Richard Rothbard, and Cliff Steele.

Front row: Helen Fox, Beverly Bernstein, Susan Berman, and Libby Rosoff.

Rifle Club . . .

Plans for a rifle club, which is to begin this term, were recently announced at a G.O. meeting. The club's faculty advisor will be Mrs. Hazel Shapiro, a member of the Secretarial Studies Department. She has had experience in this field as the coach of the rifle team at Lincoln High School, Brooklyn.

The club meetings will be held, according to present plans, on Friday afternoons at Lincoln High School. All students, both boys and girls, are welcome. However, late session students will not be able to attend. It is hoped that many juniors will turn out for the club so that it can be continued after the seniors graduate this term.

The club will not compete with other schools until next term. Mrs. Shapiro also hopes to establish a rifle team that will engage in PSAL competition as soon as a nucleus is formed.

Mr. Margolies has stated that he is in favor of additional teams in the school.

37 Delegates Meet At Tribune Forum

In an attempt "to clear the air of some of the hateful prejudices and mistrusts which are so prevalent these days," thirty-seven delegates from thirty-four countries were represented at the *Herald-Tribune's* fifteenth annual Youth Forum, whose expressed purpose is to "give literally hundreds of thousands of students an opportunity to realize how much alike all human beings are." The forum, which was held March 24, 1961, took place in the Empire Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

High school students and publication editors were invited to attend this forum, which consisted mainly of panel discussions. Included among these discussions were: *The Education We Want*; *What Is Worth Believing?* and *How Can One Nation Help Another Nation?*

Other program features were national songs and dances performed by the respective delegates.

The program began with a welcoming address by John Hay Whitney, president and publisher of the *New York Herald Tribune*. R. Sargent Shriver delivered the concluding speech.

Since 1947, 74 foreign lands have sent 444 delegates to the *Herald Tribune* Forum.

G.O. Candidates . . .

Nine "exceptional" candidates competing for the three G.O. officers were announced earlier this month by Mr. Joseph Smallberg, G.O. faculty advisor. Running for president are Ralph Funt, David Herzlinger, and Richard Hyman. Vying for the position of vice-president are Libby Rosoff, Richard Rothbard, and Clifford Steele. Susan Berman, Helen Fox, and Beverly Steinberg are running for secretary.

There were originally fifteen candidates, five for each office. The six not mentioned above were eliminated in a vote by the present G.O. representatives.

The following is a short biographical sketch of each of the candidates:

Ralph Funt—Ralph, of official class 6S, has served as president in many of his classes. He has an 86% average.

David Herzlinger—David, of official class 61E, has an average of 92%. He is on the swimming and track teams, and was a seventh and eighth grade representative in junior high school.

Richard Hyman—Richard, with a 91% average, has been a G.O. representative, and is a member of Arista. He is in official class 6W.

Libby Rosoff—Libby, of class 6C, is a cheerleader, was a member of Sophomore Sing, and is in Arista. She has a 91% average.

Richard Rothbard—Richard, with an average of 94%, is on the swimming team, was a member of Sophomore and Junior Sing, and is in Arista. He is in official class 61D.

Clifford Steele—Clifford, of official class 6P, has an average of 85%, is on the swimming team and is a Longfellow.

Susan Berman—With an average of 83%, Susan was a member of Sophomore and Junior Sing. She is in 6W.

Helen Fox—Helen, who has an average of 92%, is a member of Arista and was a participant in Sophomore and Junior Sing. She is in official class 6C.

Beverly Steinberg—Beverly, of official class 6M, has an 87% average, was junior high school vice-president, and was in Sing.

To be eligible, each candidate must be a member of the G.O., have an average of 80% or better, and obtain fifty signatures, plus those of Mr. Kahn, his guidance counselor, and the attendance dean. Voting will take place in the official classes after the candidates give their speeches in the auditorium. The present G.O. officers are Jay Kranis, Neil Silverman, and Isabel Goodman.

Editor's Choice

By Leonard Zwerling

Anyone who attends a Tilden athletic event will undoubtedly remark that we seem to be brimming over with school spirit. We turn out in large numbers to cheer our basketball and football teams, but when do we ever turn out to applaud the equally important *scholastic* endeavors of our Marty Rosenmans? I believe that we are suffering from a serious lack of real spirit.

Such things as supporting our athletic teams or glorifying football heroes are acceptable, if we exercise moderation. I feel that it is at least equally important to strive to improve our intellects as it is to develop victorious athletic teams. I believe that in this modern age, it is imperative that we seek to excel in scholarship if we intend to attain success.

This lack of spirit of which I spoke is most prevalent in the classroom. Too many students are satisfied with merely sitting back and letting the other student do all the work. This is a tragic attitude when you realize that this laxity will invariably result in failure in the adult world. Unfortunately, high school students lack the necessary foresight to enable them to see the future; consequently, they can't and don't revamp their outlooks. Soon it will be too late.

We must all ask ourselves if we want to achieve success, and if the answer is unflinchingly—*Yes!*—then we have set out on the right path. What remains is for us to reorganize our individual systems of values, and seek to demand more of ourselves. The road will be steep and treacherous; self-sacrifice will be the by-word.

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195 Broadway, Manhattan

Parlez-Vous Francais? Asks Language Head



Dr. I. A. Schwartz

Parlez-vous francais? Well if you do, you will be pleased to know that a new book has just come off the press for upcoming French students by Tilden's own Language Department Chairman, Dr. Isidore A. Schwartz. This will make the sixth book that Dr. Schwartz has authored, and will be available to Tilden pupils sometime this spring.

The book, entitled *Parlons Francais*, published in connection with the much approved Republic Language series, deals with proper grammar usage, idioms, vocabulary, regular conversations, and numerous stories, all accompanied by appropriate illustrations drawn especially for this work.

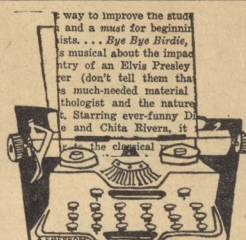
The material for this book consists of practice drills for the traveler or temporary resident in Paris, with model dialogues for situations as getting a hair cut, going to the beauty parlor, calling a taxi, buying a railway ticket, etc. The cover is profusely illustrated with various pictures depicting many of these excursions, including the highlights of Parisian life.

Though this new book was intended mainly for high school use starting with the second year and ending with the eighth term, it will be used by many of the leading colleges to introduce students of French to the culture of the country, and to give them ample ability to handle simple conversation.

Dr. Schwartz isn't finished writing language text books by any means. At present, he is planning two new books; one for the students taking Spanish, and the other for students of Italian.



Inside Tilden



By Susan Rothberg and Aurora Vitale

Did you have trouble finding our column's new position this month? Don't be alarmed! It's only for this issue, which is our April Fool's issue... one month late! It is our first issue since the Easter vacation, which was divided into a time to job hunt and a time to study for midterms. Neither was successful! Nevertheless here we are back to corrupt your already corrupted minds when you should be worrying about your technicolor report cards. Since coming back we've noticed that... seniors are counting the days until graduation, juniors are counting the days till they will be seniors, sophomores are counting the days till recess and freshmen... well... they're just counting!

Now that we have babbled enough we'll tell you that we have...

Beauty and Brains

Girls are too as good as boys, if not better—they're prettier and when they're full of brains—WOW! Examples of this are Grace Fransiak and Rhea Lewin, the only girls to receive the Future Scientists of America award which is presented annually to outstanding science students. Their male counterparts are Alan Kay, Robert Kessler, Jerold Rosenbaum and Leonard Robbins.



L. to r.: Rosenbaum, Fransiak, Kessler.

The English Department has submitted the essays of several students to City-Wide reading committees of the Chamber of Commerce Essay Contest; 10th year: Sharon Burnston, Alan Brodsky, Gladys Zussman, and Marilyn Zussman. Paul Cantor, Felicia Friedland, Stephen Levine, and Stephen Moses had their papers submitted in the 11th year division. Papers in the 12th year division were entered by Arnold Diamond, Jeffrey Kleinberg, John Reibetanz, and Seymour Safransky.

A Prolific Speaker

Again, Mr. Samuel Pasner has his name in the news. This time for speaking, in New York and New Jersey, on two radio programs, as a lecturer and panelist, during the April vacation. He certainly must be a busy man!

Representing the Accounting and Merchandising, and Secretarial Studies Departments at the National Office Management Association Convention were Carolyn Kalk and Sandra Fine. The purpose of the conference was to see how different businesses operate, the kind of work done, and personal requirements.

We're Only Human...

Alexander Pope said "To err is human, but to forgive is divine." Last issue we said that the new Twirler Captains were Phylliss Grossman and Doreen Kay—there is a clarification. Doreen Kay is Captain; Phylliss Grossman and Marsha Banks (whose name was omitted) are Co-Captains.

In spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love, as Tennyson once wrote. This is also true in other seasons but, now that it's spring the boys should have no trouble asking girls to the Prom (now that we're definitely having one). The apathy towards the school prom is quite surprising. Everyone was startled to hear that it had been canceled when there was a lack of interest. However, no one brought in their money. We hope that the seniors will take enough interest in their own activities to make it a success. Having expressed our opinion we want to wish you a happy but delayed April Fool's Day.



L. to r.: Robbins, Lewin.

Junior Whirls and Twirls; Wins Gold Ice Skating Medal

Tension mounts as the North Atlantic Figure Skating Contest gets under way. Spectators are to see the four divisions (juvenile, novice, junior, and senior) compete for prizes in figure skating and free skating. As the novices begin their exhibition of spins, jumps, and compulsory figures, we spot Tildenite Edward Krochmal of class 6Y.

Apparently, the daring excitement of whirling in figure eights and mastering thrilling spins definitely appeals to Edward. The gold medal he received was for placing first in figure skating and free skating. The contest took place on December 8, 9, and 10, in Rochester, New York. This was the first ice skating contest he had ever participated in.



Edward Krochmal

Edward and his family seem to enjoy participating in many varied fields. His father is a musician, and his younger brother plays in the Brooklyn Borough-Wide Band. Edward enjoys painting, and takes major art. He also likes history, and hopes to major in these subjects.

Next year, the tension will mount again, as Edward Krochmal, 1961 North Atlantic Novice Champion, competes in the junior division. We, as members of Tilden, should be proud that in our school there are students like Edward who have already distinguished themselves in their various challenging fields.

Senior Celebs

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TOPICS on the TOWN



By Seymour Safransky

Several weeks ago, this writer was fortunate enough to have the opportunity of interviewing Mr. Peter Ustinov and seeing his latest film, *Romanoff and Juliet*, which he wrote, produced, directed, and stars in with Sandra Dee, John Gavin, and Akim Tamiroff.

The basic story revolves around Concordia, a republic in Italy, which is governed by The General (Peter Ustinov) who abstains in a critical United Nations' vote. The Soviet and United States ambassadors (Akim Tamiroff and John Phillips) pressure his Republic of Concordia to accept aid so that his vote may be influenced. Anxious to keep his nation out of world headlines, since it is broke and cannot be found on the map (two facts responsible for its peaceful history) The General, whose sole power in the world lies in love and laughter, fosters a romance between Igor Romanoff (John Gavin), son of the Russian ambassador, and Juliet Moulsworth (Sandra Dee), daughter of the American ambassador.

After the preview showing, Mr. Ustinov subjected himself to an informal discussion with the high school editors present:

Q. We know that you act, direct, produce, and write. What do you enjoy doing most?

A. Directing is probably the most tiring; producing the most over-estimated. I enjoy writing a great deal—it is the most creative.

Q. Do you believe all critics are qualified to judge a performance?

A. Most critics are qualified. Some, however, are not qualified to write. Others should not be allowed to walk in the street.

Q. What type of picture do you enjoy doing most?

A. I enjoy making people laugh. I like to contribute a feeling of well-being rather than making people feel neurotic.

Filed on location in Italy, *Romanoff and Juliet*, to be released in June, is based upon Mr. Ustinov's hit stage play of the same title, which achieved brilliant Broadway and international success several seasons back. The movie version should do as well.

Adoption Group Selects Leaders

When one views the many new clubs and organizations planned for Tilden this year, he cannot fail to be attentive to the creation of a club of humanitarian purpose. Tilden's Overseas Adoption Club, sponsored by *The Foster Parents' Plan*, plans to adopt a needy child from overseas.

On April 13 the club held its first meeting and elected the following officers: Jo-Ann Rothman and Bruce Mesh, president and vice-president respectively; Susan Hirsch, secretary; and Laura Smith, treasurer.



ON THE SIDELINES

with Arnold Fleischer

Mr. Joe Solomon, coach of the Tilden track team, is recuperating from an operation which he recently underwent. During his two-month absence, his place has been taken by Mr. Paul Seeman. Although Mr. Solomon's recovery has been satisfactory, he will not be able to return to Tilden this term. Therefore, Mr. Jack O'Shea, the tennis coach, is temporarily assuming his coaching position.

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The baseball team appears to have a good chance to finish high in its division this season. In their pre-season games, they displayed a good fielding squad with a balanced offensive punch. The infield seems tighter than last year's, especially with a solid fielding first baseman in Richie Beckelman and two fine catchers in veteran Nick Martin and football star George Pena. Despite the loss of two of last year's top hitters and glove men—Billy Peterson and Joe Cerami—the 1961 infield has good hitting ability centered about the bat of third baseman Al Ziperstein. Moreover, the outfield has considerable depth and power to back up a strong pitching corps.

The only thing lacking, in fact, is a sizeable turnout on the part of Tilden students. A big "crowd" for a baseball game is only seventy-five to one hundred fans. How about changing this?

The swimming team, seen below, completed another successful season, coming in third behind Tech and Boys. Take a good look at Tilden's well-coached "Mermen."

Cagers Receive Awards At Post-Season Dinner

On Thursday evening, April 13, the Tilden basketball team held its annual dinner at Seniors' Restaurant.

Guest speakers included Coach Jerry Gold; Columbia University mentor Jack Rohan; Jimmy Murphy, *World Telegram* sportswriter; Paul Zimmerman, Scholastic Sports Editor of the *Telegram*; Phil Pepe, *Telegram* feature writer; and our principal, Mr. Margolies.

The following boys received trophies and plaques for superior play during the season: Bob Kranz (Most Valuable Player trophy); Richie Eigen (Most Improved citation); former captains Arnie Schanker and Bill Goldstein (Leadership Awards); Billy Mirkin (named Boy with Most Desire); and Jay Siegel (Service).

Wallmen Ready For 1961 Season

Returning for his fourth year as coach of the Tilden handball team, Coach Murray Adler views the approaching season with optimism.

Last year Tilden placed second in the division behind Midwood.

This season's schedule calls for home games vs. John Jay on April 20, Midwood on April 25, and Madison on May 1. Away from home the *Wallmen* will tackle Madison on April 14, Fort Hamilton on April 27 and May 15, John Jay on May 8, and Midwood on May 12.

The team consists wholly of sophomores and juniors, with Seymour Shtab, Barry Drayer, and Norman Bukofzer ranked 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respectively by Coach Adler. Barry also played on this season's football team.

The other members of the squad are Alan Goodman, Marc Lewis, Ron Kranzler, Steve Brenner, David Schwagur, Bob Stern, and Robert Kamin.

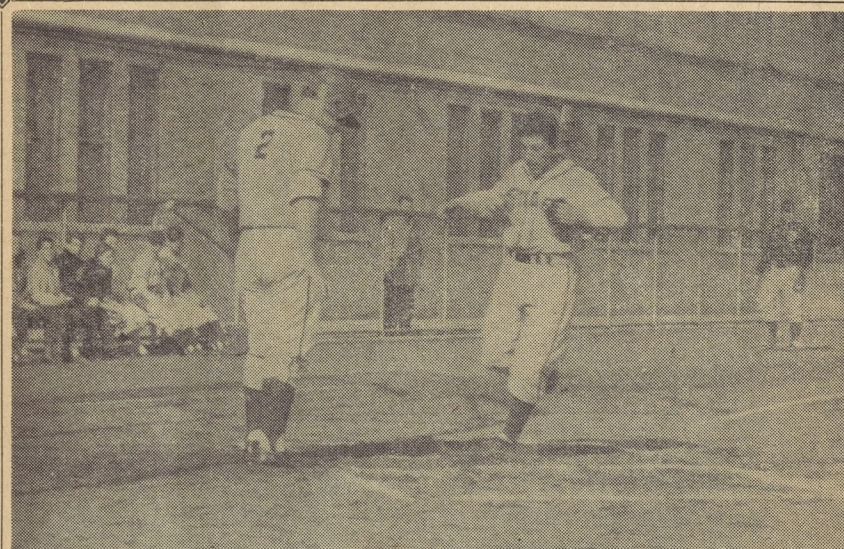
Tilden has played creditably in the exhibition games, vanquishing New Utrecht and bowing to Wingate, last year's city champion.

Blue Devils Conclude Pre-League Season With Successful Record

Coach Herman Ginsberg's "nine" wound up its pre-league, exhibition game season on April 14, with a 6-0 whitewashing of Seward Park High School. Neal Silverman, Bobby Rosenthal, and Frank DeBlasi shared the pitching chores, and each turned in a superlative job in blanking the Manhattan team. The victory gave Tilden an overall record of five wins with two losses and one tie.

Previously, the *Blue Devils* had overwhelmed their first two opponents. On March 27, they crushed a mismatched Westinghouse squad, 15-1. The following afternoon, Bobby Rosenthal and Stu Miller combined for a sparkling two-hitter as Tilden blanked Stuyvesant, 6-0. But on March 30, the *Blue Devils* ran into a little trouble. Nevertheless, they came through in fine style, tying a tough Grover Cleveland squad 4-4, in four innings. After stumbling through a 4-run 1st inning, Frank DeBlasi settled down on the mound to halt the visitors' attack.

During Easter Week, the *Blue Devils* played four games and wound up with a split for the series. In the first contest against Jefferson, Neal Silverman was shelled for a 2-run



WATCH MY FEET! Al Ziperstein appears to be in a trance as Mario Barbera scores against Bushwick.

first-inning homer that just cleared the 337 foot marker atop the left field fence. Tilden wound up on the short end of a 9-1 score.

In their next outing, the "nine" faced a powerful Brooklyn Tech squad which had won a divisional championship the year before. Although the visitors won by a 3-0 count, there was one bright spot for Tilden. Frank DeBlasi, displaying excellent control and remarkable poise, turned in a pitch-

ing effort which easily ranks as the finest mound performance of the campaign.

Tilden ended the week on a triumphant note, however. With Bobby Rosenthal and Neal Silverman on the mound the *Blue Devils* defeated Bushwick 2-1, and East New York, 4-3.

The baseball team began its PSAL league season with two early wins over Erasmus and Wingate. On Friday, April 21, the *Blue Devils* defeated Erasmus 6-2 on the loser's field. Bobby Rosenthal was the winning pitcher for Tilden.

On April 24, Tilden overwhelmed Wingate 8-2 at Tilden field. Frank DeBlasi was the victorious hurler, as he benefited from a 6-run 5th inning which wrapped up the game.

Full details on both games will appear next issue.

Track Team Opens Season; Mr. O'Shea Is New Coach

Under the supervision of their new coach, Mr. Jack O'Shea, the Tilden *Cindermen* opened their dual meet season on April 25 against Wingate.

Turning in fine performances were Nick Ucci in the 100 yard run; Anthony Angelo and Willie Bright in the 220 yard run; Captain Fred Nocella and Richie Ginsberg in the 880 yard run; Bob Cope and John Donnelly in the mile run.

Running in the winning relays were Anthony Angelo, Paul Golub, Larry Moss, and Nick Ucci in the half mile relay; Jimmy Bisbee, Paul Golub, Jerry Weiner and Irwin Zimmerman in the mile relay. Also giving fine performances were Robert Fuster and Steve Small in the shot put, Don Foster in the high jump and Larry Shapiro in the broad jump.

Despite these performances, the final score was 62-28 in favor of Wingate.

On April 21, Tilden's relay team took first place in the Queens Iona Relays held at Randall's Island. Receiving gold medals were Jimmy Bisbee, Paul Golub, Fred Nocella, and Stan Slotnick.

The team is looking forward to more successful results in upcoming meets which include those with Erasmus, Midwood, and Madison.

P.S.A.L. Baseball Schedule

April 21	Erasmus	(A)
April 24	Wingate	(H)
April 27	Madison	(H)
May 1	Sheepshead Bay	(H)
May 4	Midwood	(H)
May 8	Erasmus	(H)
May 11	Wingate	(A)
May 15	Madison	(A)
May 18	Sheepshead Bay	(A)
May 23	Midwood	(A)
	(A) Away	(H) Home

IN THE FLOWER OF MANHOOD: Mr. DeFronzo, Tilden swimming coach, smiles proudly as his dripping stalwarts display their physiques.



DUG-OUT CHATTER

One of the classiest and smoothest receivers in the Brooklyn PSAL baseball circles is Tilden's veteran catcher, Nick Martin.

Nick, a durable 5-10, is starting his third season on Coach Ginsberg's squad. As a reward for his two previous years of fine service, Nick was named one of the three captains of the 1961 outfit.

While Nick is not a high average batter, he does manage to come up with his share of clutch base hits. An example of his prowess under pressure was exhibited in an early season game against the powerful Cleveland "nine." With the *Devils* behind 4-3, with only one inning left to play, Nicky slapped a single to center, driving home Joe Gagliardi and giving Tilden a very satisfying 4-4 tie.

Nick's forte, however, is his superb receiving ability. A heady handler of pitchers and a prime example of all-round control behind the plate, Nick possesses the ability to call the right pitches and a rifle throwing arm. If you attend the baseball games, you will see that other ball clubs share this opinion; very few players attempt to steal bases on him.

A pleasant surprise for Baseball Coach Ginsberg during an otherwise dismal 1960 league season was the emergence of Frank De Blasi as a top-flight, all-round ball player. Although he came out for the team after the season had begun, Frank made such a good impression that he soon made the squad. He quickly earned a starting berth as both a pitcher and an outfielder.

During the remainder of the season, Frank saved a 12-6 win for Neal Silverman over Sheepshead Bay and

also hurled a route-going performance against the same *Skippers*, setting them down by a score of 10-3. In addition, he clubbed the baseball at a .357 clip, getting five hits in thirteen times at bat (including four doubles).

This year, Frank has turned in some nifty pitching performances. He hurled three hitless innings in a 15-1 rout of Westinghouse and pitched a very fine game against powerful Brooklyn Tech, only to lose 3-0. Unfortunately, his hitting has slipped slightly, but lately, he seems to have gotten back in the groove. Part of his trouble appeared to be an anxiety to go after bad pitches, but it looks as if he has conquered that.

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Young Monarchists Stage Mass Rally

"A new wave is sweeping our country. We youth are dissatisfied with the philosophies offered us by adults—Schlesinger's liberalism and Goldwater's conservatism. The modern youth realizes that the only political system that is any good is *MONARCHISM*."

Thus spoke R. Seymour Katonji, president of the Young Monarchists of America, to a crowd of wildly cheering Tildenites at a Young Monarchists Rally in the auditorium last night. Young Monarchism, founded last year by Mr. Katonji, a junior at Tilden, has rapidly been gaining converts among the youth of Brooklyn and the nation. Chapters are springing up like wild fire at schools all through the country.

To those who don't fully understand the ideas behind the YMA movement, Mr. Katonji's speech was very enlightening.

"First," he said, "you must have a firm belief in our beliefs. We hold, as a basic tenet, that King George wasn't such a bad guy. Perhaps if George (the general) had sat down with George (the king) they could have ironed out their differences. Of course this is all in the past but it just points out the fact that America could have been living under Monarchism for the last 200 years. (Wild applause shook the auditorium). Many benefits accrue from a monarchistic system. We would have no more politicians fighting for office. The king's relatives would fill all governmental jobs. There would be no worries of a Congress passing bills. All a king would have to do is issue a decree. (Shouts of "hossanna" and "olé" from the audience.)

Now I wish to point out that we are not a revolutionary group. The American people elected a president. We would gladly accept him as king. He certainly has enough relatives to fill all the important government positions and to provide for a hereditary succession to the throne." The speech was concluded amidst large and long cheering. The evening ended with a stirring singing of *God Save the King—Whoever He May Be*.

Who Ate The Cuts*?



Topics:

A Profile

Those of you who are fortunate enough to gain admittance to Room 118, or more commonly known as "Tilden Topics—A. Schwartz," are fortunate indeed. For it is there, amidst the hub-bub and confusion, and alongside the girls' bathroom, that ideas are born, and minds are lost.

Once inside, you will be awestruck at the furnishings about the office. We have a long wooden table, painstakingly engraved with initials and mathematical formulae, and two moth-eaten desks, remnants of the "roaring" twenties.

Blended in with this rare "contemporary" motif, there are numerous intellectuals, distinguished and infamous. Seymour Safransky can usually be found in the midst of the crowd, screaming at the top of his lungs, "Get out! You're all fired! Get this garbage out of here!"

Bob Kessler and Arnold Fleischer are usually standing on their heads in the corner contemplating their misfortunes and moaning in undertones, "But Marty Rosenman said Calculus was easy!"

And, buried beneath the pile of refuse and mounds of old copy, Mr. Schwartz, our illustrious faculty adviser, can be observed in his natural habitat, smirking and firing with all cannons: "Leonard J. Zwerling, who told you to eat the cuts*?" His now-stereotyped reply will be something like, "But Mr. Schwartz, I was hungry!"

Come and join *Topics*; we have sympathy, friendship, advice, and no dictionary.

*Cut—"Newspaperese" for picture, cartoon, drawing, etc.

Latest Notes From The Front

The following are excerpts of recent dispatches received from the school administration concerning the current state of affairs at, what has been popularly called, the front. They are printed in the hope of enlightening those students who might not be aware of the true situation:

"April 6: The rumors of a student revolt in the boys' gym are entirely, repeat, entirely false.

April 8: Yes, there was a minor rebellion on the part of some dissident left-wing types, but it was completely crushed.

April 9: The boys' gym will be closed because nobody has been able to find the key to unlock the door.

April 10: The reports of shots heard coming from the direction of the boys' gym are untrue, without provocation, and besides they're not so loud.

April 11: We wish to assure everyone that it is only a coincidence that no gym teacher has been seen in school for the last 5 days.



The Rebel Leader

April 12: Well we guess that we should really admit that we are having a spot of trouble in the boys' gym. It seems that a few minor, insignificant students decided to topple law, order and constituted authority. It really wasn't much; they just liquidated a few gym teachers and sang a few pro-Lumumba songs. The situation is now under complete control except for a few rebel snipers hold-up on the track. We would even have had these if it weren't for some followers of Walt Kelly, working in the G.O. store, who smuggled supplies to the rebels.

April 14: The commander of the teacher's forces has announced that he is temporarily abandoning the boys' locker room. He wishes to point out that this is only a strategic regrouping of his forces and has absolutely no significance.

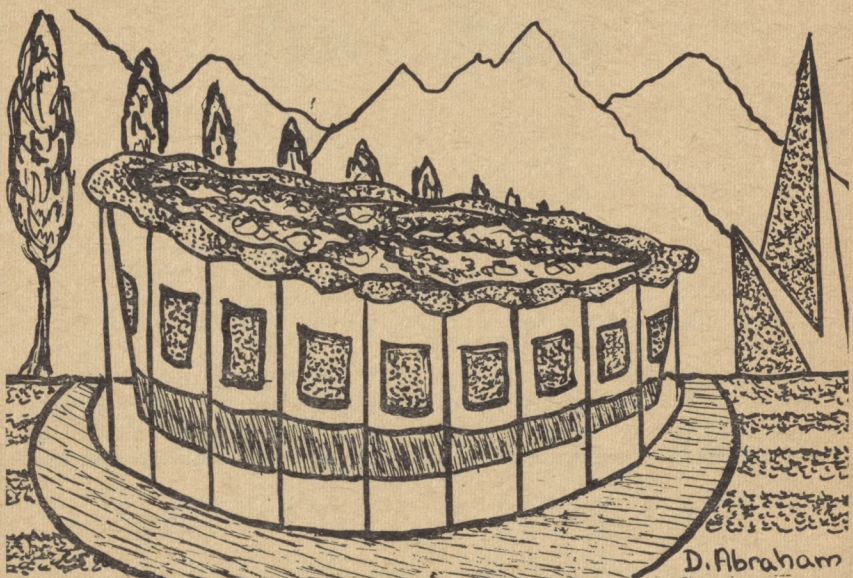
April 16: The teachers' cafeteria and boys' corrective gym have been surrendered to the rebels. "We wish to point out," said the commander of the united teachers' forces, that we are only giving the rebels enough rope to hang themselves."

April 20: Rumors that we are preparing to surrender the school to the rebels are entirely untrue. The enemy is actually weakening.

April 24: The enemy forces are finally pinned down in a perimeter stretching from the cafeteria to the G.O. store. It is advised though that anyone eating in the cafeteria watch-out for mortar fire.

April 24: In a time of crisis such as we are now in, all teachers and students must stick together. Old grievances must be forgotten. The rumors of massive teachers' transfers to other schools are false. If we all stick together the enemy will be defeated."

School Faces Its Doom In Administration Plan



Architect Frank Lloyd Wrong's conception of the new pizzeria.

It was announced today by the Defense Department that that venerable institution, Tilden High School, will be torn down to make room for a giant pizzeria.

"The need for the pizzeria is self-evident," said a member of the Department, "when it is considered that last year America built only 3,000 pizzerias while the Russians built 8,000. We must prove to the Russians and to all the uncommitted peoples of the world that the U.S. is not lagging behind in the pizza race. So far, we are not behind. There is no *pizza gap*!!! But, who knows what the future may bring if we are not prepared to support the very things that made America great such as the pizza pie?"

Under the present plan, the school will be demolished on August 3rd. Construction of the pizzeria will be completed in early 1962.

The money for the project comes from a Congressional appropriations bill (the National Pizza Development Act) recently passed at the request of President John F. Kennedy. In requesting the funds last year, Kennedy said, "passage of the act would be a bold step forward toward the 'New Frontier.'"

The demolition of Tilden will, of course, leave some 5200 students and teachers without a school building. However, their outlook is not really bleak. Article 3, section 8, of the National Pizza Development Act calls for the creation of an agency to spread the methods of the pizza industry around the world.

The Defense Department spokesman was quoted as saying, "Undoubtedly many former Tildenites will find employment in spreading pizza methods to underdeveloped areas around the world in the—PIZZA CORPS!!"

"Nickie's Gang" Gets An "Arnie"

The winners of the annual *Topics* T.V. Awards has been announced. Affectionately known as an "Arnie," this award is presented each year to the T.V. show which, in the opinion of the editors, provides the best accompaniment for doing homework. This year's winner, and staff comments on why it was selected, follows:

Uncle Nickie's Gang — The selection of this show is a mystery. It won because of a surge of votes from a band of little known Topicsites who do nothing but sit in a corner and talk to each other in a strange Eastern European tongue.

Each week on this kiddie show, lovable, bald Uncle Nickie comes on with, "Greetings kiddies and comrades." He then launches into a story in a strange Eastern European tongue. Obviously this show is only for the more advanced kiddies, comrades and American intelligence officers."

No April Fools' Issue This Term

Mr. Arnold Schwartz, distinguished faculty adviser of *Topics*, stated in an exclusive interview that, "There will be no April Fools' issue of *Topics* this year. The idea of an April Fools' issue is completely contrary to the image that *Topics* has established through the years. An April Fools' issue would not look dignified. What would happen if our closest rival, *The New York Times*, came out with an April Fools'? It would certainly not be in the best of taste. Besides every other high school newspaper comes out with an April Fools' issue. Are we at *Topics* a bunch of conformists or something?"

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P.S. If you look closely you'll notice Mr. Charnin in the car. He still hasn't paid his bill.